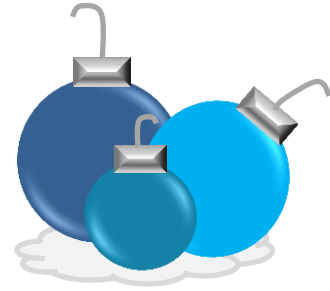


# WINTER HOLIDAY BOOKLIST

## READING FOR ADULTS

December 2014



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### Cooking

#### **Betty Crocker Christmas Cookbook by Betty Crocker**

Collection of more than 250 recipes for Christmas treats from appetizers to main dishes, and from breads to desserts. Also includes holiday decorating tips, make-ahead ideas, food gifts to give, and new twists to standard recipes. 2006. [Download DB64150.](#)

#### **Cookies for Christmas by Jennifer Darling**

Collection of more than one hundred Christmas cookie recipes from the Better Homes and Gardens test kitchen. Includes cutout, shaped, sliced, dropped, and bar cookies that feature old world favorites and new cookie ideas with a flavor twist. 1999. BR14218, or [Download DB54501.](#)

#### **Kwanzaa: An African-American Celebration of Culture and Cooking by Eric Copage**

Kwanzaa is a week-long (December 26-January 1) African-American celebration of the "first fruits." The author has compiled a sourcebook for the observance. Included are selections from historical works, folklore, and biographies that illustrate the Nguzo Saba (seven principles of Kwanzaa), interspersed with a host of recipes from the African diaspora. 1991. [Download DB34528.](#)

### Inspirational

#### **Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas Cheer by Jack Canfield**

Inspirational stories center on the true meaning of Christmas and on traditions, memories, the spirit of giving, and love of family. Commercial audiobook. 2008. [Download DB72371.](#)

#### **Christmas Treasures by Thomas Kinkade**

Widowed missionary Isabel Lawrence arrives at Cape Light to fill in for Reverend Ben after he suffers a heart attack shoveling snow. While Ben ponders retirement Isabel administers to the townspeople, including a teen who has vandalized the church. Sequel to On Christmas Eve (DB 75583). 2011. [Download DB75759.](#)

**The Bridge by Karen Kingsbury**

Tennessee college sweethearts Molly and Ryan eventually go their respective ways. But seven years later, bookstore owner Charlie Barton, who is facing financial ruin, has a near-fatal car accident. Molly and Ryan join the effort to save the shop and, with God's help, witness a miracle. 2012. [Download DB75882.](#)

**The Christmas List by Richard P Evans**

Three weeks before Christmas, the newspaper erroneously publishes the obituary of Utah real-estate developer James Kier. Kier discovers what others really think of him and sets about making amends to the people he has hurt, including the cancer-stricken wife he's divorcing and his estranged son. 2009. [Download DB70292.](#)

**The Christmas Shoes by Donna Vanliere**

Robert Layton has become focused on material things, and his marriage is in jeopardy. But when on Christmas Eve 1985 he crosses paths with a young boy whose mother is dying, the impact has a positive effect on both families for years to come. 2001. [Download DB58657.](#)

**Modern****A Blue and Gray Christmas: Ladies of Covington (book 10) by Joan Medlicott**

When a historic restoration crew unearths a rusty box, friends Grace, Amelia, and Hannah discover it contains the diaries and letters of two soldiers--one Southern and one Northern--chronicling the Civil War era in Covington, North Carolina. The women track down the men's descendants and arrange a reunion. 2009. BR18817, or [Download DB70886.](#)

**Friendly Fire: A Duet by Abraham Yehoshua**

Ya'ari spends the week of Hanukkah at home in Israel while his fifty-seven-year-old wife Daniela visits her dead sister's widower Yirmiyahu at his archaeological site in Africa. She finds Yirmiyahu agonizing over his sense of Jewish identity and his soldier son's death from "friendly fire." First published in Hebrew. 2008. [Download DB69200.](#)

**Hanukkah Lights: Stories of the Season from NPR's Annual Holiday Special by Susan Stamberg**

Twelve stories celebrating Hanukkah by contemporary authors Myra Goldberg, Daniel Pinkwater, Harlan Ellison, Dani Shapiro, Elie Wiesel, Mark Helprin, and others. In Anne Roiphe's "The Demon Foiled," a new Jewish mayor attempts to light the family Hanukkah candles while he is being filmed for local TV. 2005. [Download DB62028.](#)

**Skippping Christmas by John Grisham**

Tax accountant Luther Krank calculates that a Caribbean cruise will cost less than what he and his wife, Nora, spent celebrating the holidays last year. Since daughter Blair is in the Peace Corps, they plan to skip Christmas. Luther, however, doesn't anticipate the town's reaction. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2001. BR13636, or [Download DB52929](#).

**The Stupidest Angel: A Heartwarming Tale of Christmas Terror by Christopher Moore**

Pine Cove, California. Seven-year-old Josh Barker sees Lena Marquez murder her ex-husband Dale Pearson, the "evil developer," as he returns home from playing Santa Claus. Meanwhile dimwitted archangel Raziel, who is sent to Earth to grant a child's Christmas wish, discovers that Josh wants to resurrect Santa. Strong language. 2004. [Download DB68133](#).

**Mysteries****A Christmas Beginning by Anne Perry**

Superintendent Runcorn of Scotland Yard takes a December holiday on the Isle of Anglesey off the Welsh coast. During a stroll through a churchyard, Runcorn discovers the body of Olivia, the town vicar's spirited sister. Runcorn must determine who among Olivia's friends, neighbors, and suitors, murdered her. 2007. BR17704 or [Download DB65944](#).

**A Christmas Garland by Anne Perry**

India. During the Christmas season of 1857, as mutiny rages against the East India Company, young lieutenant Victor Narraway defends a British orderly accused of helping an Indian prisoner escape. 2012. BR20229 or [Download DB77293](#).

**Busy Body: An Agatha Raisin Mystery by M. C. Beaton**

When a Scrooge-like officer with the Health and Safety Board spoils the Costwolds holiday festivities by trumping up reasons to ban town decorations and May Dimwoody's hand-made toys, Agatha Raisin is called on to investigate the officer's subsequent murder. [Download DB72939](#).

**Candy Cane Murder by Joanne Fluke**

Three mysteries centering around candy canes and Christmas. In the title piece a storeowner is murdered after playing Santa to Hannah Swensen's elf. In The Dangers of Candy Canes a man dies installing Christmas decorations. In Candy Canes of Christmas Past Lucy Stone investigates a cold case. Includes recipes. 2007. [Download DB73341](#).

### **Christmas at the Mysterious Bookshop: 'Tis the Season to Be Deadly by Otto Penzler**

Seventeen short holiday mysteries that involve Otto Penzler's New York City bookstore. In Mary Higgins Clark's "What's in a Name?" a valuable handwritten manuscript is misplaced. 2010. [Download DB72892.](#)

### **Dashing Through the Snow by Mary H Clark**

Regan Reilly, Alvira Meehan, and their families come to Branscombe, New Hampshire, for a holiday festival. Although four local market employees won millions in a lottery, a fifth coworker who normally plays is missing. While searching for the missing man, Regan and Alvira discover wrongdoing in the town. Bestseller. 2008. BR18056, or [Download DB68761.](#)

### **How The Light Gets In by Louise Penny**

In Quebec, Chief Inspector Gamache's best agents have left the department and his lieutenant isn't speaking to him. When Gamache learns from Myrna Landers that her longtime friend did not arrive for Christmas in the village of Three Pines, he is happy to go investigate. Some strong language. 2013. [Download DB77320.](#)

### **The Christmas Thief: A Regan Reilly Mystery by Mary H Clark**

During a vacation weekend in Stowe, Vermont, lottery winner Alvira Meehan and her friend private investigator Regan Reilly become involved in the case of a stolen Christmas tree. The tree, designated for Rockefeller Center, connects a scam artist, a swindled waitress, and a sparkling treasure. 2004. BR15551, or [Download DB58834.](#)

## **Romance**

### **A Cedar Cove Christmas by Debbie Macomber**

Pregnant Mary Jo Wyse comes to Cedar Cove, Washington, on Christmas Eve seeking David Rhodes, the father of her baby. Librarian Grace Harding takes in Mary Jo, who gives birth that night with help from paramedic Mack McAfee. Then Mary Jo's three brothers arrive to welcome the newborn. Bestseller. 2008. [Download DB68061.](#)

### **A Virgin River Christmas by Robyn Carr**

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**Blessing by Jude Deveraux**

When millionaire Jason Wilding returns to his hometown of Abernathy, Kentucky, he arranges under false pretenses to stay in Amy Thompkins's house. Before long he is surprised to realize that he loves Amy and her infant son, but she flees when she learns his true identity. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. [Download DB47668.](#)

**Call Me Mrs. Miracle by Debbie Macomber**

While working in the toy department of a New York City store, Mrs. Miracle meets Holly, who is searching for a robot for her nephew. Mrs. Miracle plays matchmaker for Holly and the store owner's son Jake. Includes recipes. Sequel to Mrs. Miracle (DB/RC 70101). Commercial audiobook. 2010. [Download DB73685.](#)

**The Christmas Cookie Collection by Lori Wilde**

Twilight, Texas. Four novellas featuring ladies from the First Love Cookie Club (DB 75060). In Carrie, Carrie has hated the holidays since her husband Mark abandoned her at seventeen to go away for college. But eight years later Mark returns and her views change. Some explicit descriptions of sex. 2013. [Download DB78204.](#)

## Science Fiction/Fantasy

**A War of Gifts: An Ender Story by Orson Card**

Holiday-themed science fiction novella. The International Fleet forces minister's son Zeck Morgan to enroll in Battle School, which bans religious observances. Citing his faith, Zeck refuses to participate in war games--but also protests his classmates' commemoration of Saint Nicholas Day. Debate ensues until counselor Ender Wiggin sets Zeck straight. 2007. [Download DB70230.](#)

**Doomsday Book by Connie Willis**

Kivrin, a young, twenty-first-century history student, travels back in time on assignment to fourteenth-century Oxford. But something goes wrong, and she is stranded in the Middle Ages right at the outbreak of the bubonic plague. As her modern mentor struggles to rescue her, Kivrin must come to terms with life and death in an age of superstition, fear, and suffering. Winner of the 1992 Nebula Award. 1992. [Download DB36888.](#)

**Hogfather: A Novel of Discworld by Terry Pratchett**

'Twas the night before Hogswatch and all through Discworld, not a creature was stirring--not even Hogfather himself. So who is going to deliver the children's presents? Susan, a governess, sets out to find him before morning; otherwise the sun won't come up. Some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 1996. [Download DB52689.](#)